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United Church

Above all creeds and opinions and forms of worship, we recognize loyalty to Jesus as supreme. To deepen that loyalty, we invite you to our services.

Church School, 2 p.m.
Help in your own circle to keep up attendance.

Public Worship, 7:30 p.m.
The Minister's topic is of particular appeal to young people, "Visions That Disturb Contentment." For a scripture lesson there will be read, The Parable of the Prodigal Parents.

Extra music will be rendered by the choir.
Anthem: "Rock of Ages."
Story sermon for children.
Rev. N. W. Whitmore, B.A., Minister.

Wedding

The marriage was solemnized at the United Church Menses, on Friday, December 3, of Marjorie Seratch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Seratch, of Irricana, to Mr. Gordon H. Miller, C.P.E. agent at Buffalo. Rev. N. W. Whitmore, officiated. The young couple will make their home at Buffalo, and will be followed by the well wishes of many C.P.R. employees and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Shannon, left on Monday, on a visit to relatives at Lancaster, Pa.

Not In Vain

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain!
—Emily Dickinson.

Christmas Remembrances

We have some fine samples of Personal Greeting Christmas Cards. They give you choice of some hundred designs that offer a high-class and beautiful selection. You should get your orders in early especially so if your remembrances include friends and relations in the old country.

BIRTHS

—To Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Duff, December 6, a daughter.

—To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rowles, December 7, a daughter.

—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rivers, December 7, a daughter. Mothers and daughters are doing well.

Hospital Notes

Nurse Barrett, matron at the hospital, underwent an operation for appendicitis on Tuesday morning.

Albert Boyd, had a celiacous cyst, removed from his back, Sunday.

O. L. Duke, left for Calgary Tuesday morning, convalescent from his operation of two days ago.

Mrs. John Johnson, returned to Alton, Friday, recovered from her recent sickness.

Ed Stinley, who underwent operation last week, is now making good progress.

Village Council Re-elected

Monday, nomination day, showed but little interest by ratepayers in the nomination of Reeve and Councillors. During the hours of 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., only three names were tendered: Messrs. W. R. Bosile, R. L. Arthur and M. G. Boyd. No other names were handed in, and these were duly declared elected by acclamation by Sec. Treasurer, D. McEachern.

As these men form the present Council Board, their election by acclamation, is an endorsement of their work as councillors during the closing year.

We are agents for all magazines, literature. Bring us your orders and Renewals. —Empress Express.

For Rent

The A. J. Wright cottage, good family residence. —Apply J. Sharp.

Strayed

Cow, 3 years old, $\frac{1}{2}$ on right ribs with Red Heifer Coll following. —Blake Shaw, owner, Empress, Alta.

Public School Report

Grade VIII:

Violet Morrison, 81.4
Newell Alton, 77
Doris Randall, 75.6
Grace Clott, 73.5
Helen Arthur, 72.8
Leo Frost, 67
Beatrice Brodie, 61.1
Raymond Clark, 63.2
John Pawlak, 62.9
Pat MacCharles, 63
Alton Young, 57.6
Margaret Robertson, 55.3
Francis Pawlak, 55.1

Grade VII:

Kathleen Randall, 93
Grace Robertson, 80.6
Pauline Arden, 69.4
Isabel Torry, 66.1
Henrietta Turner, 62.3
Gordon Brodie, 61.6
Glen Tarr, 57.4
Rawleigh Barry, 54.4
Will Turner, 53.4
Leland Boyd, 52
Frances Arden, 43.1

Not Graded—Helen Pawlak, Velma MacDonald.

Grade VI:

Forrest Frost, 77.3
Wilda Livermore, 75.3
Billy Torry, 72.4
Clinton Leach, 68.3
Ruth Arthur, 67.6
Kenneth Boswell, 66.7
Udelle Blodgett, 66
Lois MacDonald, 65.4
Ila Fontaine, 65
Hazel Roddy, 62.1
Kathleen Turner, 60.7
Russel Crozier, 60.6
Fred Blodgett, 60.4
Eva Blunt, 59

Grade V:

Vera Morrison, 93.5
John Turner, 83
Madge Frost, 81.3
Blanche Coderre, 80.5
Arthur Bell, 76.2
Gordon Boyd, 75.5
James Usher, 73.5
Harold Dunn, 71.3
Fernie Frost, 68—
Marion McPherson, 67.7
Eric Kenny, 66.3
Katie Gould, 66
Lewis Hume, 66
Margaret Brunner, 65.5
Lucille Anderson, 61
Merle Alton, 59
Clifford Leach, 58.3
Ernest Durr, 54
Lorraine Blunt, 53.3
Glen Morrison, 49.5
Charlie Rowles, not ranked.

Grade IV:

Zina Torry, 93
Roxley McCune, 72.3
Evel Roswell, 67.7
Mildred Horn, 66.7
Helen Blunt, 65.7
Ledaella, Fearnside, 62.3
Donald McCune, 58
Not ranked—Katie Becker.

We Have A Good Stock of

Curling Brooms
AND
Hockey Sticks
ON HAND
Also Sleighs
AND A NUMBER OF PAIRS
OF
Skates
N. D. STOREY
The Store With The Stock
P.S.—We still have one or two of those blades that are to be sold at cost.

Passes Away, Suddenly

This community was shocked by the news of the death of Thomas Davidson, of Josephine, Sask., who passed away following a stroke, expiring on his way to town, when being brought in for medical attention. Cerebral haemorrhage was the cause of death.

Funeral service will be held at Anglican Church, Friday, December 10, at 1:30 p.m., unless word to contrary is received from a brother of the deceased.

Grade III:

McVillie Boswell, 86
Victor Stubbington, 90
Coril Young, 84.5
Wilfrid Stubbington, 83
Julius Smyth, 82.5
Thomas Arnold, 75
Stanley Pawlak, 65
Silvia Ferguson, 54.5
Nancy Farn, 48
Not ranked—Mary Becker, Charlie Becker, Lucille Fraser.

Grade II:

Howard Blodgett, 89
Abel Langmuir, 87
Masie Pawlak, 82
Iona Alton, 79
Irene Durr, 77
Marjory Hurlbutt, 76
Willa Highmore, 72
Arthur Durr, 71
Jack McCune, 66
Cecil Dunn, 62
Francis Bell, 61
Dorothy Read, 61
Roy Horn, 50
Junior Crocker, 48

Grade I:

Corrin McPherson, 90
Norma Livermore, 86
Frank Oswald, 85
Edith Livermore, 85
Irene Fearnside, 79.5
Harold Fraser, 79
Lionel Lee, 77
Dorothy Stubbington, 76
Harvey Boswell, 67
Violet Durr, 64

R.M. Mantario No. 262

Collection of Taxes

For the convenience of ratepayers, the Secretary Treasurer will attend at Empress with the Roll on Saturday, December 18, 1926.

Returning by way of Chesterfield, Monday, December 20; The Municipal Office will be closed from December 21 to December 22, in consequence.

Remittance in regard to payment of Pre-emption must be completed by December 31st, failing which the Municipality will no longer consider itself bound by the same, but may proceed to select in full in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act.

Large Dam on Old Kennedy Brothers Ranch, Completed

Since acquiring the Kennedy Bros. ranch, C. Jarboe has been erecting a large dam, which is now complete except for rip-rapping. The dam is about a half mile long, 10 feet wide at base and 14 feet wide on top. A rough estimate is that sufficient water will be held in check to irrigate three or four sections of land. This land is said to be good irrigable land, free from alkali. The spillway has been arranged that all water will be spread on land intended for cultivation.

Illustration Stations

From Dominion Report of Chief Supervisor

Bindloss Station, J. Barnes, operator.—In 1925, work on the land commenced at this Station, April 21. The month of May was very dry, and by the middle of June, wire worms had thinned the wheat stand considerably. The dry summer was very hard on fodder crops, and so checked the growth of wheat that it necessitated harvesting with the header.

Wheat was sown at the rate of one and one quarter bushels on the fallow land and one bushel per acre on second crop land. Rainfall for the five months, April to August, totaled 8.81 inches.

For three year rotation.—Summer-fallow is reckoned at a cost of 5.40 per acre. Marquis wheat after fallow, sown May 5, yielded 13 bushels to the acre cost 84c per bushel, with profit of \$1.68. Wheat, following wheat, sown May 4, yielded 12 bushels to the acre at cost of 57c per bushel, showing a profit of 75c.

Three year rotation.—Summer-fallow, cost \$5.27 per acre. Marquis wheat, after fallow, sown May 4, cost 66c per bushel, yielded 10 bus. 24 the bushel, 8.60 per acre. Arctic wheat, after wheat, yielded 769 lbs., cost \$16.78 per acre, loss, \$2.61.

Two year rotation.—Wheat after corn and sunflowers, sown May 4, yielded 12 bushels to the acre at cost 1.11 bus., loss 1.21 per acre. Corn and sunflowers, following wheat, yielded 4 tons to the acre, cost 2.93 a ton, profit 2.28 per acre.

Demonstration test fields.—Arctic Sweet Clover seed, yielded 65 lbs. acre, cost 12c, loss 1.30 per acre. Western rye grass and oat hay, yielded 1 1/2

Anglican Church

Services on Sunday, December 12th [3rd Sunday in Advent].

St. Mary's Church:
1:30 a.m., Sunday School.
7:30 p.m., Evening Prayer.
Services at the J. Rowles Farm, at 2:30 p.m. (roads and weather permitting).
L. J. Tatham,
Priest-in-charge.

lbs. cost \$68 per ton, profit, 60c. per acre.

The heading and threshing plan adopted in this community, cut the cost of the operations in two and also avoided the losses which attend stacking and re-lifting of headed grain. The plan followed was to carry two headers and a threshing outfit on the same job, thus effecting the work of a combine by the use of the all available machinery.

At a winter Short Course for Farmers held at Bindloss, the operator, Mr. Barnes, occupied a period very acceptably with an outline of the and purpose underlying the illustration work as conducted upon his farm. Improvement of poultry stock in the district is one of the aims of the Station and for this purpose a number of "barred rocks" cockerels, Lethbridge Farm breeding are offered for sale at a nominal price.

The total precipitation for the year was 13.18 ins. Wainwright was the low point of the province, with 10.81 inches. We will publish the report of the station operated by William Rowles, next week.

Neckwear, Sweaters,
Gloves, Handkerchiefs,
Socks, Slippers, etc.

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the

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"THE MEN'S MAN"



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Which give to both giver and receiver alike, that sense of Christmas cheer which comes with the Right Gift.

"You Know Sandy,"
See his selection of Gifts. Catalogues are open for selection.
F. G. SANDERCOCK
at BLODGETT'S STORE

EMPRESS THEATRE

FRIDAY, December 10

"Never the Twain Shall Meet"

Peter Kryn's famous novel has been made into a gripping film drama of stirring beauty and tender heart appeal. A story of California and the South Seas.

Admission, 25c and 50c.

FRIDAY, December 17

Our Next Week Show will appeal to photoplay fans. Do not miss our weekly shows. You are always assured of good entertainment

BRAN SHORTS ROLLED OATS
Yellow Corn Meal Graham Flour
First Patent "Maple Leaf"
COUPON FLOUR
98lbs 49lbs 24lbs

Coal
We can supply your needs with DRUM-HELLER Lump or Nut, Imperial Lamp or Pembina Nut. Fresh stock on hand.
Prices Right. Enquire at the
Alberta Pacific Grain Co., Ltd.

Christmas Goods
At this time when we are preparing our displays and your thoughts are kindly remembrances of distant friends, may we say that our Wholesale Catalogs are open for your inspection should our stock not satisfy your choice of Gift. Any goods so ordered will have our best attention.
EMPRESS DRUG CO.

Long Coal Stoppage In Britain Ends With Defeat Of The Miners

London.—To all intents the long coal stoppage, which dislocated half the country's industries and is estimated to have cost the nation \$150,000,000, has ended with defeat of every important claim for which the miners fought so tenaciously.

It may still be a week or more before there is a general resumption of work, but the termination of the strike came when the miners' delegate conference recommended that the miners accept the government's peace proposals. The card vote of the delegates was 52,600 in favor of recommending that the districts accept the terms and 32,600 against the proposals.

That the miners, who vote by districts, not by ballot, will accept the recommendation is regarded as a foregone conclusion.

The settlement is described by one body as a negotiated peace. It is not peace virtually imposed by the government and was accepted only after bitter opposition by a minority of the Welsh miners and in the face of a substantial stoppage of work back to work had been effected.

The royal coal commission's report which figured so largely in the earlier negotiations, is disregarded. The miners gained most of their points for the settlement, which means longer hours, less overtime pay, and the complete disappearance of the national principle in arranging the conditions of work.

New Polar Expedition

Dr. Hansen Contemplates Voyage of Discovery by Airplane.

Berlin.—Plans for a new polar expedition by airplane on strictly scientific lines were set forth by Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, president of the Norwegian National Society for the Exploration of Arctic Regions, at the opening of the international congress of that body today.

The route contemplates flights, with numerous stops, from Nome, Alaska, by way of the North Pole to Vladivostok, Russia or in the opposite direction. The airship will be manned by a crew of 50, the men to work in shifts.

Dr. Nansen declares that the flight of Byrd and Amundsen over the North Pole were great pioneer deeds, but, from the viewpoint of Arctic exploration, merely preliminary to detailed scientific investigations, which necessitate numerous landings, each lasting for hours.

May Settle in West

Countess Karolyi, Hungarian Noblewoman Is Banned From U.S.

Montreal.—Countess Karolyi, wife of Hungary's wartime prime minister, who is now in Montreal, will not visit or even attempt to enter the United States, the law enforcement authorities have decided. The countess has dropped her suit now pending in the United States courts against the department of defense asking return of her passport, which was denied her. "Secretary of State Kellogg has said that he does not want me or mine. We shall never go where we are not wanted," said the countess.

Countess Karolyi left for Ottawa to interview government authorities in connection with farms in Western Canada. It is believed that the countess will settle in one of Canada's three prairie provinces.

Reported That Advances Will Soon Be Made In Ocean Freight Rates

Montreal.—Ocean freight rates, which have been announced by the Canadian trans-Atlantic conference for the carriage of conference commodities to the continent from December 1 next, December 15, have been charged to alter the 15 per cent surcharge on the transportation of conference commodities to the continent, which has been in effect since September 22 last, and to enforce a new series of rates, which will become effective on January 3. These rates to the continent and to the United Kingdom will run till the end of April.

The increase in freight rates will range from 15 per cent upwards, but it was made after their own estimate

May Eventually Send Envoy To Canada

But U.S. Will Depend on Consular Service to Present.

Washington.—The United States Government not only has advised the Canadian Government through the British Embassy that Hon. Vincent Massey, the new Canadian representative to the United States, is acceptable, but there is a feeling of much satisfaction in official and congressional circles because Canada will be directly represented here.

It is expected the new arrangement will result in facilitating the handling of matters that directly concern the two governments.

What the United States is going to do about sending a representative to Ottawa is undecided. Not long ago President Coolidge let it be known that he regarded the American consular representation in Canada as inadequate in the situation. In order to lead a minister or other diplomatic representative, legislation would be needed. There is the while in the U.S. Congress, where it will depend on its consular service for the present, Congress eventually will authorize the sending to Canada of a diplomatic representative of a rank to correspond with Mr. Massey's.

'Uncle Joe' Cannon Is Dead

Veteran United States Statesman Had Remarkable Career.

Butte, Mont.—Joseph Cannon (Uncle Joe) Cannon, veteran statesman and leader in his party at battle, died at his home here on Friday. He was 79 years old last May. His strength has been slowly ebbing during the last 12 months. He retired to his home, near Lincoln, Neb., for the first time since he was 70.

In the rambling brick mansion he had built for his bride many years ago, his slowly ebbing years and old-fashioned habits had taken the title as Speaker in Congress won him the "Czar of the House," back the day before his fall in 1910.

Discovers Deposit Of Semi-Precious Gems

Find Near Winnipeg May Be Commercially Valuable.

Winnipeg.—Henry J. Macdonald, a carter, has been found in the pegmatites of the Bird River about 700 miles from Winnipeg.

Two claims, comprising 140 acres, have been staked by the discoverer, who is now in Winnipeg. He reports 25 to 30 tons occur over a length of 2,000 feet. The width of the area in which the crystals occur is about 25 feet and while this there are often lenses widening to 300 feet in which numerous faceted crystals can be seen even on the surface.

Canada's Imperial Problem

Montreal.—Canada's imperial problem would be largely solved by the appointment of a political representative of the government in London. England, in the opinion of Prof. P. E. Corbett, formerly in the legal service of the League of Nations, who is now a lecturer in Roman and international law at McGill University.

More Mennonite Settlers For Canada

Thousands Coming From Southern Russia Says Bishop Tews.

Winnipeg.—Canada is being seen more than ever as a land of opportunity by the Mennonites, and before the end of the present year nearly 7,000 new settlers from Southern Russia will have made their homes in the Dominion, according to Bishop Tews, president of the Mennonite Colonization Board.

To date 3,500 Mennonites have settled in Canada and are well established and happy in their adopted country, Bishop Tews said.

The movement of Mennonite settlers to Canada in 1923 will even surpass that of the present year, he added, although definite arrangements have not yet been made. Those who come late this year will suffer no inconvenience in the matter of getting settled. They will spend the winter with their hosts in their settlements, and in the spring will get lands for themselves.

Bishop Tews intimated the Mennonites saw no attraction in Mexico now.

Choose Canadian Stock

California Rancher Buys Fifteen Held by Prince of Wales.

Oakland, Calif.—A California stock owner by the Prince of Wales, who has been purchased by Sheldon and Caruthers, owners of the Kirkwood farm, one of the show ranches of California. This announcement was made by Fred W. C. Kelly, manager of the Prince's ranch.

Before dealing on the cattle at the ranch of the Prince of Wales, buyers for the California ranch visited many herds in the United States. The shipment consists of nine cows and heifers and a yearling, built to be a champion at Western fairs this summer.

Would Form Asiatic League

Matter To Be Discussed Between Soviet and Turkish Ministers.

Moscow.—George Tchitcherine, Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs, is proceeding to Odessa to meet Teyfik Rushdi Bey, the Turkish Foreign Minister, who will arrive there in a few days aboard a Turkish warship.

Mr. Tchitcherine will discuss Russian and Turkish relations generally with Rushdi. It is believed he will also touch on a possible alliance between Russia and Turkey.

The Soviet Union already has treaties of neutrality and friendship with Turkey and Afghanistan and has been striving for a long time to conclude an alliance with Persia.

Few Deaths From Tuberculosis

Ottawa.—Canada has reduced its tuberculosis deaths since 1900 from 130 per 100,000 population to less than 50 per 100,000. This is a reduction of more than 100 deaths per 100,000 people per year accomplished in the last 25 years. The country has lost one-third of the deaths annually in every 1,000 people or 9,252 lives per year.

Final Scene In Royal Wedding

Brunswick.—Princess Astrid of Sweden and Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium were united in marriage by a Roman Catholic ceremony in the Cathedral of St. Gudula Nov. 19 and left on their honeymoon for a destination which has been kept strictly secret.

Canadian Course Lures Hagen

Langara Golf Course Club House.

Walter Hagen, former British Open Golf Champion and winner for three years of the Professional Golf Association trophy, will soon be seen in action on the Canadian Pacific Railway course in St. John's, Langara, situated at South Vancouver. Par for the course is 72 and Hagen is looking forward to his tour, which he is admittedly one of the finest players on the Pacific Coast. He was built recently by the Canadian Pacific

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Canada's Death Rate Falling

People Living Longer Because Statistical Information Is Available.

Ottawa.—Canada is fighting death with figures. Experts say they are winning, but the death rate among infants and from cancer and tuberculosis is being gradually reduced. The Dominion now has a uniform system of vital statistics.

Until quite recently each province had a different system. Now Brunswick had no system at all and no vital statistics were collected except by the cities of St. John, Moncton, and Fredericton. In Quebec the records were kept by the churches, Roman Catholic and Protestant. This had been the method for 200 years, and the civil authorities were loathe to interfere. Quebec has now joined the other provinces, and will have the best statistics in Canada.

People are living longer because statistical information is available, which shows the doctors precisely what they have to combat. Mr. Coates, Dominion statistician, is assisted in this department by E. S. MacPhail, superintendent of compilation, and W. R. Freer, who recently made a trip by courtesy of the health section of the League of Nations, to Geneva, Berlin, the Hague, Paris and British cities for the purpose of studying the collection of vital statistics in those countries.

Port Has Great Future

Shipment Through Prince Rupert Bound to Increase Says C.N.R. President.

Prince Rupert, B.C.—Addressing the Board of Trade here, Sir Henry Thornton, chairman and president of the C.N.R., stated he believed the port of Prince Rupert was the best outlet for many of the products of the Northern Alberta and that because of this fact its future was bound to be bright.

The movement of large stocks of grain through the new elevator here was also mentioned by Sir Henry. He ventured the opinion that something in the neighborhood of eight or ten million bushels of grain would pass through the elevator this year and that this quantity would be increased as suitable shipping was attracted to the port.

Appointment Is Confirmed

Hon. Vincent Massey Is Officially Appointed Member to Washington.

Ottawa.—Hon. Vincent Massey was appointed Canadian minister to Washington by an order-in-council, passed by the cabinet. The announcement was made by Hon. J. A. Robb, acting prime minister, to a group of newspapermen. Mr. Massey is in England at the present time with Premier King attending the Imperial Conference in an unofficial capacity.

To Strengthen Act

Winnipeg.—Corrective legislation embodying retroactive provisions to bolster up the Manitoba Rural Credit provincial government. This move is being taken as the result of a judgment in Court of Appeal here against the Rural Credit Society.

England's First Woman Sheriff

Souhampton, Eng.—The first woman man may ever be appointed a sheriff in England has been chosen here. She is Mrs. Lucia Welch. The new appointment will be for a term of one year, but will be subject to renewal at the expiration which may occur during her term of office.

Australia Interested In Co-Operative Wheat Marketing Movement

Reparation Claims

\$23,000,000 Is Now Available For Canadian Claims Under Dawes Plan

Ottawa.—Canadian civilians who suffered at the hands of Germany during the great war may receive compensation within the next few months. Some 1,202 claims for reparation have been considered by James Fick, K.C., of the Hunter block, Ottawa, who took up the work where it was left by the sudden death of Hon. William Pugsley. The majority of these claims have been accepted and it is expected that the government will pass measures for the approaching session releasing the \$23,000,000 which is available under the Dawes plan for Canadian sufferers. The money is now in custody of the receiver-general of Canada and no payment of claims can be made in Japan except on a vote by parliament for this specific purpose.

The claims arise from damage inflicted on person and effects in such things as the sinking of the Lusitania, the Hesperian and other vessels by German submarines.

British Empire Not Worn Out Institution

Is Young and Energetic Commonwealth Says Australia's Premier

London.—Americans should wonder that the British Empire is not an old worn-out institution, but like the United States is a young and energetic Commonwealth, Premier Stanley Bruce, of Australia, declared here.

Delivering the Walter Hume Lecture, given in memory of the late Sir Walter Hume, of the United States, at the Court of St. James, Premier Bruce said the Empire was a partnership like no other partnership in the world. "It is not an alliance," he continued, "it is an organization within which every part is absolutely free, without restriction or exception of any kind to pursue its own policies and conduct its own affairs freely accepting the view that, where those policies impinge upon the interests of any other part of the Empire, consultation is the rule and leaving action the object."

Leaving Earthquake Area

Sufferers Looking for Safer Place to Rebuild Homes

Lenninham, Argentina.—Sufferers of the earthquake disaster here are looking for a safer place to rebuild their homes. Earth shocks of moderate intensity have continued for the week past. The authorities fear that if they persist this city shortly will be abandoned. With the advent of cold weather, the people are suffering bitterly, having lost everything they possessed.

Left Books to Library

New York.—Harry Houdini, the master of the escape, has left a huge collection of his books on magic, spiritualism, witchcraft and demonology, said to be worth \$500,000, to the Library of Congress in the belief of Leo Ballman, his lawyer, who drew up Houdini's will two years ago.

Changes in Personnel Of Royal Commission Investigating Customs

Ottawa.—Sir Francis Lemaire, his resignation as chairman of the commission, on account of the great pressure of his judicial duties, and also the fatigue involved for a man of his advanced years in the long journey to and from the commission.

"In spite of the Government's efforts to retain him, Sir Francis advised that in his first decision. The Government has requested Chief Justice Brown of Saskatchewan, senior member of the commission, to become chairman of the commission. Judge Kenneth R. of Quebec, has been appointed to be a member of the commission.

There are the outstanding features of a statement issued by Hon. J. A. Robb, acting prime minister, at the conclusion of a meeting of the cabinet. The statement announces the appointment of the resumed sittings at Ottawa as Wednesday, November 17. The full statement follows:

"It is expected that the customs inquiry commission will open its sittings in Ottawa, Wednesday, November 17, at 10 o'clock a.m. Sir Francis Lemaire, chief justice of the Superior Court of the province of Quebec, has tendered

Vancouver.—Wheat growers in Australia were keenly interested in the cooperative marketing movement as it has been developed in Canada, according to H. W. Wood, Calgary, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, who arrived here today after spending about three months in the Orient and Australia. He left immediately for Calgary.

Following a meeting held at St. Paul last spring of delegates to the proposed international wheat pool, representatives were appointed to visit several of the leading wheat growing countries and explain the principles of cooperative marketing and how they have worked out in Canada.

Mr. Wood was delighted to present the situation to the agriculturists in the United States and Australia. While away he also spent a short time in Japan ascertaining marketing conditions there.

Mr. Wood is satisfied that the information he was able to impart to his brother farmers will be instrumental in the raising of the latter's interest in pool marketing there, and some more definite action may be expected, he says, when the delegates from the wheat growing countries next meet in conference.

Alberta Seed Survey

Will Ascertain Amount of Seed Sown by Wet Weather.

Calgary.—Survey of the entire province has been undertaken by the Dominion seed branch to ascertain the amount of damage the crop has suffered and the quantity of seed that will be required for spring sowing. The survey is being conducted according to G. M. Stewart, district inspector. A preliminary report will be issued soon. Although there are abundant grain stores in the province, the wheat shortage of seed is seriously, it is generally admitted to deficit and a \$50,000 cargo of grain available can be made until the crops begin to move more freely. It is admitted that many of the tests for oats for germination have given poor results but it is hoped that these samples do not represent the average condition of the crops. The survey in many districts is believed to be bad owing to crop damage by the rains.

Aviator And Miners Rescued

Citizens of Alaska Town Risked Lives to Save Airplane

McGrath, Alaska.—An aviator and two miners were saved from freezing to death and a \$50,000 cargo of gold dust salvaged in a spectacular rescue here when an aeroplane fell into the Chukchee River, which was running full of ice.

Mr. Croson, pilot, and Charles Salsani and Carl Carlson, miners, were rescued. The pilot, when it struck the water. Finally virtually the entire population of McGrath, with the exception of the men, launched a boat in which the men were taken ashore through swirling ice floes.

Yukonites then risked their lives to attach a rope to the plane and haul it ashore.

Films Depicting Canadian Scenes Are Used To Good Advantage In Advertising This Country Abroad

Not the least important function of the Canadian government has been to correct, both at home and abroad, the erroneous impressions gained and sometimes spread by poets, novelists, dramatists, immigrants and transient Manchus. Even today there are people who cannot dissociate Canada from the Royal North West Mounted Police, polar bears, lawless gold rushes, thieving fur-traders and the rest of the inaccurate pictures so frequently drawn by those who know and care nothing about the Dominion.

In 1917 the Canadian government realized the instructive value of the cinematograph camera and decided to go into the motion picture business. There then came into being as a branch of the Trade and Commerce Department, the official Canadian Picture Bureau, which has since rendered good service by depicting the world more clearly than the news, the wealth, opportunity and scenic beauty presented to the intending immigrant. Like the prophet of old the work of the bureau is best known and appreciated in Canada possibly than any of our more of countries. On the principle that the more you know, the more you appreciate fully that which is given them free of charge, the bureau has conducted its campaign abroad in direct competition with the commercial cinematograph film, and has done so with great success. Canadian films have been accepted by the picture houses on their own merit; in Great Britain particularly there is a steady demand for them. Not only have they attracted immigrants, but they have also attracted valuable trade.

For instance a film on road-making in Canada was being shown some years ago in South Africa when a number of the audience was so impressed by the efficiency of the Canadian road-making machinery that he asked the bureau to put him in touch with the makers, and a substantial order followed.

Practically all the departments of the Dominion government have at one time or another availed themselves of the bureau, on which increasingly heavy calls are being made.

The tremendous value of the film as a medium of national propaganda is being realized by other nations of the world, which are following Canada's example. At the present time 15 nations, headed by Great Britain, are trying to break the domination of the film world by the United States, and the matter is of such importance to the north that the United States government in London, where Imperial action will be taken on a head set by Canada nearly a decade ago.

Studies Age Of Fish

Major Fowler Says Some Live More Than Fifty Years

How long do fish live? Major F. S. Fowler, in a lecture before the London Zoological Society, gave some interesting data on a special study he had conducted on this subject.

An electric eel in the London Zoo. It was reported, lived twelve years. A European eel in the private aquarium of the Duke of Bedford in 50 years old and shows little indication of weakness.

Other fish age figures given by the Major were: Carp, 12 years; goldfish, 32 years; herring, 4 years; salmon, 2 years; bull trout, 14 years; trout, 14 years; tench, 10 years; newt, 18 years; and giant salamander, 52 years.

Advocate Long Hair For Men
"The long-haired man is a natural complement of his hair," declared a woman, in the not disinterested opinion of a fashion bureau. Shining and bubbling have come to stay, and hair artists no longer manipulate women's crowns; they have to give them the same sex to allow their hair to grow.

Canadian Potato Crop
The Canadian potato crop is still estimated to be 12,500,000 cwt., compared with 12,750,000 cwt. in 1923. This was made up by Thomas Edward Island, 2,400,000 cwt., Nova Scotia, 2,322,000 cwt., New Brunswick, 1,322,000 cwt. and 15,798,000 cwt. in Ontario, 8,200,000 cwt., Manitoba, 2,248,000 cwt., Saskatchewan, 5,015,000 cwt., Alberta, 2,761,000 cwt. and British Columbia, 1,359,000 cwt.

Revolving Pregnant Women In Your Mirrors?
Applicant for Ballroom-Waltz the difference? You ain't going to give me anything—Judge.

W. N. E. 1655

Creates Demand For Goods

Advertising Is Only Way To Keep People Interested

The finest goods in the world if merely placed on the merchant's shelves will stay there and gather dust. If, however, the buying public is informed that they are on the shelves, they will stay there and gather dust. It is the only way the buying public can be informed that these finest goods in the world are open to its demand is by advertising. It is the shortest and the most direct avenue of communication between the retailer and the consumer. It provides the former with a means of assuring himself of the necessary "turn over." It directs the latter in the search for that which he needs. Further, it is a means of introducing to both necessities and luxuries and through that introduces creates a demand. In the words of President Coolidge, advertising "ministers to the true development of trade."

That this is recognized as a fact by American business is proved by the fact that the advertising of the United States is valued by advertisers. The art of the advertising expert supplements the energy and the ingenuity of the manufacturer. The enterprise of the merchandiser until the advertising campaign of the leading newspapers have been accepted by the picture houses on their own merit; in Great Britain particularly there is a steady demand for them. Not only have they attracted immigrants, but they have also attracted valuable trade.

Played The Game

Small Girl Would Not Cheat To Win

An odd little story is making the rounds of Canadian papers. It tells of a little girl, five years of age, who, to great care and much hard labor, raised a few acorns for the school fair. Alas! there came a case and a slipping and she fell on her back. The exhibit was to be made and the flowers were blighted. Realizing the keen disappointment of the little girl, her aunt suggested that a few acorns from her own stock should be added to the somewhat wilted flowers which the child was heavily carrying away as part of her work for the fair. "But that wouldn't be playing fair," responded the child and went to her room. Her own father, however, who she had the coveted prize before she reached the long-anticipated show. This is one of the few cases in which a child is not a child, and that is what is being played by the fair. "But that wouldn't be playing fair," responded the child and went to her room. Her own father, however, who she had the coveted prize before she reached the long-anticipated show. This is one of the few cases in which a child is not a child, and that is what is being played by the fair.

Guarantees His Houses

Canadian Architect Invents New System For Concrete Buildings

Mr. Underdown, of Norwich, England, has ordered 200 houses to be built of concrete under a new system, on a remarkable guarantee from the inventor, D. C. Underdown, a Canadian architect.

Mr. Underdown guaranteed: To build a house built on his system two feet and drop it to the ground without a crack.

To turn it over on its side and replace it without a crack.

To lift and remove it bodily any reasonable distance after thirty days.

Mr. Underdown's houses are built of ingeniously shaped blocks. Two iron motor rollers harnessed in a pair of these blocks were unable to draw them apart.

Beet Sugar Plant For Winnipeg
"Part of a factory, 100 to 200 Winnipeg business men and farmers was organized by the Mayor to go down for the opening of the new sugar beet factory at Grand Forks and see the agricultural and manufacturing end of the beet sugar industry. Experiments in growing the sugar beet in Manitoba have been progressing satisfactorily and the hope is entertained that by next fall a beet sugar plant will be established in Winnipeg."

Alberta Homelessness
Nearly 200,000 acres of homeless land have been taken up by new settlers in the Edmonton and areas covered by the Dominion Agency in the nine months of the present year. The total figure, according to the Publicity Commissioner of Alberta, was 144, including sub-area groups, as compared with 741 farms for the same period of the previous year.

Alberta Has Bumper Crop

Second Largest Crop In History of the Province

Final compilations are expected to show that the average yield of wheat throughout the Province of Alberta this year will be 19 bushels per acre on 4,375,000 acres, a total yield of 113,250,000 bushels. This is the second largest crop of wheat in the history of the province. The largest crop was 114,000,000 bushels in 1923.

The wheat yield this year in the three Prairie Provinces is now expected to be 114,000,000 bushels, 113,250,000 bushels and 113,250,000 bushels. Last year the value of the Western wheat crop was \$422,529,000 from 382,303,000 bushels.

The value has yet to be computed, but what has risen sharply in the past few weeks by 12 cents or more, and it has recently reached record figures. A drying country is apt to be of financial reward appear excellent. The return from the wheat crop in the Prairie Provinces in recent years has been as follows: 1923, \$293,120,000; 1924, \$285,202,000; 1925, \$422,529,000.

Saskatchewan Dairy Output

Estimated Output For This Year Placed

So famous has the Province of Saskatchewan become as a great grain growing province that its importance as a dairying country is apt to be lost sight of. A statement recently issued by the Dairy Commissioner of the Provincial Department gives some indication of how rapidly dairy production is growing. The statement reads: "Creamery butter production in Saskatchewan in August of this year amounted to 2,567,352 pounds, bringing the total production for the eighth month" reported, January to August 21st, to 12,453,858 pounds, an increase of 1,571,166 pounds or 16 per cent, compared with the record for the corresponding period of 1922.

It is estimated that the output of this year will reach 18,000,000 pounds.

British Boy Immigrants

An annual grant equivalent to the grant given by the Dominion government has been given to the British Immigration and Colonization Association by the Overseas Settlement Committee, a recent cable advised. This is expected to considerably increase the Association's work of settling British boys in the years 1924 and 1925 on Canadian farms. Since the society received its charter four years ago about 400 boys per year have been so housed and settled.

Manitoba Pulp Mill

Paper making will commence this month at Fort Alexander at the plant of the Manitoba Pulp and Paper Company. There will be two trains west of the plant to Winnipeg, transporting the finished product, which will be expected to be made on a large scale. The plant is modern in every way and will employ a staff of 100, with 400 men will be working in either end.

Boys' And Girls' Swine Club

Hardisty Boys Win Championship For C.P.R. Towns In Alberta

Walter Kotschick and George Horvath of Hardisty, won the championship this year in the Boys' and Girls' Swine Club competitions for towns on Canadian Pacific lines in Alberta, thus securing for their town for a second consecutive year, the honor of representation at the Royal Livestock Show at Toronto. Their score was 79.5, ranking third in the whole province in railway competition, where Hardisty ranked seventh on its first appearance. Bentley took second, and Sederberg third in the C.P.R. contest. Hardisty took sixth place in the same line competition at the same time. Bentley, representing Edmonton, division, presented Hardisty with the trophy at the Edmonton Exhibition association dinner. Each member of the team, besides getting the C.P.R. to Toronto as guest of the C.P.R., receives a medal.

Scheme Sounds Reasonable

Eastern Farmers Working Out, Out Land Might Come to Prairie

A scheme to stop the exodus of Canadian citizens to the United States and in the same time increase the farming population of the West and other more recently opened sections of the East, was suggested by Albert-Philippe Cagrain, director of the Catholic Immigration Association of Canada, in an interview on the subject at Quebec. The basis of Mr. Cagrain's scheme is that Canadian farmers who are unable to cut out a living on their old, worn-out or overstocked farms, should be given the opportunity by the Federal Government to settle in Western Canada. A plan along the lines of the Soldiers' Land Settlement scheme is suggested by Mr. Cagrain for the transfer of Eastern farmers to Western Canada.

Bones Of Birds Are Hollow

Makes Them Lighter And Stronger Against Strain

The bones of all flying birds are said to be hollow and filled with air, thus showing that nature knew long ago that it was about when it designed them for the air. This plus, as any physicist will confirm, makes for very lightness, but for the greatest strength. A solid bone subjected to strain would be bent almost at right angles as a flying bird is put to it.

Was Chinese Invention

It is stronger than the earliest instrument for determining the shock direction of an earthquake was made in China in the year 1820. It is a hollow brass ball with a pendulum free to move in all directions. Many devices have been invented since then, but the order of the day is the self-registering instrument.

Is "Scoutman" The Way To Sell It?

The Wall Street Journal is not taking any chances. For it uses Scoutman, Scoutman and Scoutman in the course of one short article.

Utilization Of Waste Lands For Development Of Fur Farming To Meet The Demand For Pelts

Take Big Yearly Toll

Million Workers Annually Disabled By Auto and Industrial Accidents

The hazard of accidents in America were pictured by a score of speakers before sessions of the National Safety Council, at Montreal.

Dr. Harry E. Meek, Chicago, told the council that medical science has succeeded in cutting down the number of disease victims, but that hospital accidents are being filled with victims of industrial and automobile accidents.

More than a million persons are hospitalized annually upon the scrap heap and labeled "permanently disabled," he said. A rehabilitation program by which the disabled could become producers instead of dependents was proposed.

Dr. Wendell C. Phillips advocated a full education of the public in domestic economy, and said that huge numbers of people are being used to care for hospital inmates, might well be used toward preventing disease.

Heavy Yield Of Grain

Reports of Big Yields in Different Parts of Alberta

Some heavy yields of grain are being reported throughout Alberta. At Athabasca, it is reported by the Lethbridge Herald that 4, A. A. Walker, M.L.A., has threshed 55 bushels an acre from 46 acres of wheat. A yield of 100 bushels per acre is reported from 152 acres on the Thompson Company farm at Spring Creek, in Calgary, second generation. Marguerite Taylor had winter wheat on the farm of Armour and Brimble, in the Lethbridge irrigated district near Lethbridge, which yielded 100 bushels an acre. One irrigated farm near Taber reports 51 bushels to the acre. At Champlin, 100 bushels of wheat on one farm was reported, with 109 bushels of oats to the acre.

New Sealplane

Britain's Newest Sealplane Is Called "Flying Bungalow"

Great Britain's newest sealplane has been nicknamed "the flying bungalow." This is because of its cooking and sleeping accommodations. The plane, carrying a crew of five, and driven by three high powered engines, has been designed to carry out expeditions in connection with opening up a flying service to Australia and New Zealand. Bed hammocks are slung in a part of the cabin, which in the day time is the living room. The galley is large, and 18 to 20 passengers may be carried.

Oriental Industry Impaired

Storms in China and Japan Hurt Gold Fish Production

Owing to earthquakes, typhoons and heat storms, the gold fish production in China and Japan has been seriously impaired recently. These fish are grown in specially constructed tanks, which were flooded during the storms, with the result that many of the fish swam about in the streets and died from the hard frosts or lack of proper food. These goldfish were shipped to consignments of 40,000 to 50,000 at a time and the loss to one dealer alone was placed at \$50,000 this year.

Cousin of Prince a Dreammaker

The Prince of Wales now boasts a cousin who is a successful Berkeley street dreammaker. He is George Fitz-George, grandson of the Duke of Cambridge, who is in partnership with Rose Taylor, his last year made \$2,000. "This year we are going even better, which is not bad, considering that we started with a few hundred pounds as capital."

Has Automatic Phones

To automatic control, Edinburgh's telephone system has been changed. The actual change will not take more than five minutes, and little inconvenience was caused. Between 1,000 and 12,000 lines, involving 20,000 exchanges, were dealt with. The change in the suburbs and Leith are to be commenced later in the season.

Utilize Hospital Elevator

Since the Saskatchewan Pool acquired the facilities of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company, it has decided to use the Davidson and Smith terminal elevator at Fort Saskatchewan as a capacity of 175,000 bushels as a hospital elevator.

Records taken over 24 years show that the greatest number of fatal influenza cases occur about the ninth or tenth week of the year, and the greatest number of the third or fourth week.

Despite The Fact That Trappers And Traders have taken twenty of the fur trade

of Canada, our fur trade now employs, according to a statement by the Natural Resources Intelligence Service of the Department of the Interior at Ottawa, more capital, engages a larger number of employees, and serves a greater number of people than at any previous time. The world demand for fur has increased so greatly that the fur industry is confronted with new problems, among the most important of which is an assured supply of good quality raw product such as Canada is able to furnish.

The limited supply of high quality furs in comparison to the demand, has forced the industry to use pelts formerly considered of little value, a number of which are imported from foreign countries. The public is deceived as to the extent of the industry, by a variety of trade names as applied to certain furs among which the fur of the mink is perhaps outstanding.

This form of selling has received considerable condemnation from an influential body of the fur retailers in Canada, and in certain provinces have been agreed upon. The fur industry will undoubtedly not be content with the continued substitution of low grade pelts and other means of increasing the supply of better grade furs will be eagerly welcomed.

Fur farming has already become a well established industry and the grading of wild fur-bearers on private lands has been a constant source of waste lands and water areas is advanced as a suggestion which may provide a solution at least in part of an adequate fur supply. Already a number of experiments in Canada have shown that there have been considerable success in fur farming, the raising of such fur-bearers as the mink, in pens apart from their natural haunts. The fur farming industry is a departure of intense interest which is being developed. If successful, this will materially add to the supply of raw pelts of high grade.

As a result of the increasing demand for information in regards to Canada's resources of fur-bearing wild life and the raising of fur-bearing animals in captivity, the Natural Resources of the fur-bearing industry has prepared a number of monographs in English and French on Canada's fur resources and their domestication. Including beaver, fisher, marten, mink, marten, otter, racoon, chinchilla rabbit, skunk and blue fox. These reports contain data relative to the industry, habitat, production, trapping methods, breeding, feeding, ranching, and the various aspects of their economic and commercial importance.

It is interesting to note that inquiries relative to Canada's present fur resources are being received, especially the raising of fur-bearers in captivity are coming, not alone from Canada, but from the United States and foreign countries including both Europe and Asia.

Canada's Telegraph Bill

Canada's telegraph bill was \$17,529,233 in 1925, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. A total of 11,554,841 telegrams were transmitted during the year, or more than one for every man, woman and child in the Dominion. Messages received from the United States numbered 5,747,224. Cablegrams despatched to England and continental Europe totaled 194,926, while those received in return amounted to 5,173,939.

Proposed Timber Merger

A combination of timber interests in British Columbia, Washington and Oregon, involving \$400,000,000 of capital, is likely to emerge from plans now under way, according to The Daily Province. Several of the British Columbia mills—a quarter or a third of the whole—are said to be favorably inclined to the amalgamation.

Big Apple Crop In B.C.

British Columbia's apple crop is 750,000 boxes ahead of last year's production, according to the Vancouver provincial horticulturist. The total yield is placed at 2,550,000 boxes as compared with 2,100,000 last year. This is the largest in the history of the province.

The Metropolitan (London) Water Board supplies water to a population larger than that of Canada, and the main, placed end to end, would cover the distance from London to New York and back.

Trans-Atlantic Champion

W. A. Williams, of Montreal, claims to be the undoubted champion for the Atlantic. He has to his credit 117 trips between America and Europe and is confident that few persons, with the exception perhaps of a few old sea captains, can claim an equal record. Williams is a commercial buyer and in the employ of outstanding Canadian business houses, where he has made his long journey across the Atlantic. Considering that Mr. Williams' first trips were made years ago it would be fair to assume that an average of nine days has been spent at each crossing. In all Mr. Williams has figured that he has spent over three solid years on board ship and has already journeyed nearly 1,000,000 ocean miles. Most of his trips have been on Canadian Pacific liners, where he is one of the best known passengers. The above photograph shows Mr. Williams against the rail of the Canadian liner "Montcalm," upon which he recently completed his 117th trans-Atlantic journey.

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Thirteen more shopping days to Christmas.

Mrs. E. J. Kenny is a visitor to Calgary this week.

Bill Brodie, returned from a trip to Moose Jay, Saturday.

W. C. Boyd, returned home on Saturday, from an extended trip.

The regular meeting of St. Mary's Guild, will be held at the home of Mrs. Walzy Leach, December 14, at 8 p.m.

Geo. Durk, was a visitor to Leduc, on Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Haigh, was suffering from a heavy cold and unable to teach her classroom on Monday.

Pat MacCharles and J. Reddy, Jr., were visitors to Swift Current, Saturday, making the acquaintance of all the storekeepers.

Mrs. McPherson and daughter, Marion, returned from Calgary, on Monday.

The Christmas meeting of the W.M.S. Castle County Auxiliary, will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Rowles, on Sunday, December 19th, at two o'clock.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Ladies to attend the regular monthly meeting of the W.M.S., to be held at the home of Mrs. R. L. Arthur, on Wednesday afternoon, December 15 at 3 o'clock. A special Christmas program is being arranged.

At the United Church Sunday evening, an interesting story will be read for a scripture lesson, "The Parable of the Prodigal Parents."

The Season of Tolerance

We are now entering the season of goodwill, when our thoughts turn with kindly pleasure to reviewing of the old social ties and relationships. The worth of this season to the human family cannot be estimated. It tends to bring out the finer character in each and everyone of us, and helps to override thoughts and desiresavoring of ingratitude, jealousy, meanness and negativities—the poor habits of the ordinary routine that tend to discourage and the darker side of life.

And as this is true of ourselves, it is also true of the community in which we live. It is as we build. If we stay out of every activity of its social well-being, keep to ourselves and think in individual terms rather than community, buy as little as we can locally; we can no more expect a community to progress under such conditions than you can a poorly nourished baby to develop physically as it should. So if we

should be apt to criticize our community and its local institutions, we might well ask ourselves in what measure—and to what extent we are assisting its progress.

This is the season of tolerance, when we tend to acquire a broader social outlook with a thought for the other fellow, let us keep this in mind for social and community betterment.

Word has been received that Mrs. W. A. Palmer, mother of Mrs. N. D. Storey, passed away at her home at Fulton, New York, on Tuesday. Sympathy is expressed with the bereaved.

Unfortunate for McBrodie

A keen old curler, who always appeared on the ice with a cap with useful flaps to pull down over his ears stepped out one day in a new headgear.

Application for Lease Of Road Allowance or Surveyed Highway

Notice is hereby given that G. H. Tyler of Empress, has made application to the Minister of Public Works, Edmonton, for a lease of the following road allowance or surveyed highway, viz:

Adjoining the North boundary of S. W. 14 Section 26, T. 23, R. 10, W. 4, west of 4th Ave. Any protest against the granting of the above-mentioned lease must be forwarded to the Minister of Public Works, Edmonton, within thirty days from the date of this notice. Dated at Empress, Alberta, December 8th, 1926.

"Hullo," said a friend. "Where's your old ear-warm?"

"Ah," replied the old curler, "I haven't had it on since my accident."

"Accident? I'm sorry to hear of it. What happened?"

"Well, a man offered me a drink, and while I was dished flaps I didn't hear him."

Ten Curling Rinks Formed

The Curling Season locally, got under way to a good start on Monday. The ice was in good condition. There was a general let up in the severe weather we have been experiencing. Good outdoormen were displaced. Ten rinks have been formed, while there are not a number of men who are not on rinks. The following Skips have their rinks made up:

D. N. McEachern
W. R. Brodie
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Tax On Wolves

Conforming to the practice adopted in other Western provinces, the Alberta Provincial Game Department has now decided to add to the list of fur-bearing animals on which the tax must be paid, the grey wolf, and the prairie wolf or coyote for all of which pets, in future

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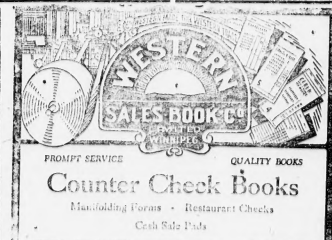
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